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TREE PLANTING ON MOUNT TENABO

Nearly 200 pinion pine seedlings and seed for bitterbrush and saltbush were planted recently on the slopes of Mount Tenabo in Mill Canyon about 40 miles southwest of Carlin, Nevada, in Crescent Valley.

The 25-person volunteer effort was led by the Western Shoshone Elko Youth Group and included staff from Victoria Resources and the Bureau of Land Management.

The project was part of an effort to rehabilitate disturbed areas on Mount Tenabo. Many areas of Mount Tenabo were affected by mining activities in the late 1800s early 1900s. More modern disturbance was created in the early 1990s by multiple mining and exploration companies. Last fall, mining exploration company Victoria Resources re-contoured several miles of road that zigzagged up the slope of Mount Tenabo and planted desirable grass species in the impacted areas.

“Everyone working on the project was impressed by the amount of hard work the youths from the Elko Band put in,” said BLM Elko Native American Coordinator Gerald Dixon. “They made multiple trips carrying heavy supplies for planting, drinks and lunches up and down the steep inclines of the mountain – nearly 2000 feet of vertical rise. Their efforts facilitated the planting of pinion high up the slope in the disturbed areas.”

“The trees were planted inside biodegradable “Tree Pee” tubes and surrounded by protective mulch. This tree planting will help to speed the visual blending of disturbed areas in with the rest of the mountain. The planting of forbs provides winter forage for local wildlife,” Dixon concluded.

Lois Whiney, Youth Group Leader, commented, “It was very hard work but it was good to give back to the environment.”

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